(b) Beer, Foreign and Country Brewed 40896 Quarts 1 Pint.

Sparkling Wine 6080 Quarts.
Brandy, Whisky and Wine 16893 Quarts.
Vermouth 3760 Quarts.
Pure Rectified Spirits 866 Quarts 1 Pint.
Medicated and other Wines 9851 Quarts.

(c) Rs. 7,920.

No amount has been realised by the violation of the rules.

Council resolution for a Committee to enquire into the condition of cattle.

254. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken regarding the resolution passed by the Council for appointing a Committee to submit a report regarding the condition of cattle in Cochin ? If the Committee is already appointed, the names of the Members ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The resolution is accepted and steps are being taken to constitute the Committee.

Allotment for water supply.

255. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have already spent the Rs. 50,000 granted by His Highness the Maharaja on his 70th Birthday to be distributed to places where water is scarce;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state to which all places the above amount was allotted and the amount allotted to each place ;

(c) how much amount was allotted out of the above Rs. 50,000 to the Panchayats of the State and the amount given to each Panchayat ;

(d) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House a list of works done by the distribution of the above Rs. 50,000 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No. The works are in progress and the whole allotment is expected to be utilised this year itself.

(b) to (d). Vide list appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Budgetting of works.

256. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—are not works generally budgetted to be done in a particular year after the Government satisfying themselves as to its desirability of executing those works in that very year ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Then how is it that they are not taken up in the same year ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There may be exceptions. Some works might have been budgetted. It would not have been possible to take up these works because of several reasons ; probably estimates might not have been ready. In the case of roads there will be disputes about alignments.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are not these items budgetted after making the preliminary investigation ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Not always. It should be so, but not always. Sometimes it is not possible to do that in the case of some road works.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If it is not possible, why should it be included in the budget ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is hoped that we would be able to start the works. But unforeseen difficulties occur.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Would it not be better to allot amounts for works which are ready to be taken up ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—After the estimates have been prepared ?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Everything. After the estimates and after the order has been passed that it may be taken up.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—As I was explaining the other day, after preparing estimates, the work may be vetoed down by the Council. The work may not be sanctioned by the Government.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—A demand is made to work it only after the sanction of the Council.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The demand should be made only after that. We make proposals as per the remarks made by the Members of the Council.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—That is for the previous year.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—As per those demands we make provisions in the budget for opening up roads and doing irrigation works. But, before the estimates are prepared, we would like to know whether the works would be sanctioned. For example, in the case of the Nelluvaya-Thalasseri road, we do not know whether there is any possibility of including this work in this year's budget. Only it was late in the year when we prepared our budget.

Mr P. Krishna Menon.—So the real work upon the allotment is taken up only after the sanction is obtained ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

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Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—No preliminary work at all is done before that ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We make the preliminary investigation and a rough report is submitted ; but when we come to the actual business of allotments,....

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—In the case of works which are already prepared, why not those be taken up then when estimates are really ready, and they have been sanctioned by the Government ; why not these be taken up ? There are cases where estimates were ready and works were not taken up.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Very very few. Can you quote examples of such works ?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—When you say that they are very few, it means these few were not taken.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not know of any work.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is it not better to make allotments or include them in the budget for works which are ready to be taken up ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is better, if it is possible. Suppose you want to have a road.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I am sorry two are standing. It is against rule.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Then both will sit.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Or, better, one will stand at a time.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In the case of works where we do not know whether they will be sanctioned by the Government or by the Council, what are we to do ? After a good deal of investigation, it may not be possible for us to waste our time and energy in making estimates for works where we do not know whether they will be sanctioned by the Government or by the Council. For the next year,—I suppose I have satisfied the Member about the difficulty.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—No. My point is : these allotted amounts should be spent as far as possible in the year in which they are allotted. They were not spent because they were not ready to be taken up when the allotments were made. Therefore, allotments need be made only when they are ready to be taken up. There is no use of showing the amount by way of allotments and not utilising it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not always possible to have the estimates prepared before the work is budgetted. We can do such works, but then it will cause unnecessary delays in many many cases. It is only in a few cases that we

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can take up the work. It would not be satisfactory if we are making that hard-and-fast rule, that works should be budgetted only if the estimates have been prepared.

President.—Let me say how the matter really stands. Allotments are made. There is no time to prepare the regular estimate. The work is considered necessary. The allotment is made on the report on the expectation that, in the course of the year, the proper estimates would be made and the work proceeded with. That is the way in which, in some cases, estimates would be ready while in some cases only the cost reports will be ready. Thinking that these works are necessary and could be executed in the year, we make the necessary provision. I think this would make the matter clear.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Now, there would have been no injury or inconvenience if these allotted amounts were not allowed to lapse.

President.—Then we find that our anticipations are not always carried out, for some reason or other, e. g., estimates could not be got ready.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I can quote concrete examples found in one of the questions occurring later on. Question No. 270: 'Will the Government be pleased to state why was not the well in Tammanatt, Punittura Village, constructed in 1104, though Rs. 250 had been budgetted and sanctioned for the same'? The answer is 'the proposals from the Panchayat were not received in time and, therefore, the work could not be taken up'. If there were no proposals from the Panchayat, this would not have been allotted at all.

President.—It must have been allotted. That is not the practice.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The practice may, if possible, be avoided so that what is allotted may be spent.

President.—I do not think you can draw a proper comparison between the Public Works Department and the Panchayat. If you take up all the works wanted by the Panchayat, it would amount to 8 or 9 lakhs. Government has to cut down the figure to 1 lakh and 50 thousand. So, some works are taken. Before the work is actually taken up, they want detailed estimates. If they do not send the estimates, what are we to do?

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—They must be made to do it. When the Government thought that it was necessary to sanction the amount, Government must see that they do it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not want the Member to get away with the impression that we are not doing actually any work budgetted. There may be a few works which

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may not be possible to be done during the year. What I mean to say is, such works are very very few. I said there may be exceptional circumstances which cause that delay. There is no necessity to postpone.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The difficulty is this. Since it is budgetted for 1104, no attempt will be made to budget it in 1105. When it is not done in 1104, it follows that it will not be done in 1105 also.

President.—As far as possible, the works budgetted in the previous year must be scrutinised, and such of the works, as are not worked out, must be carried to this year's budget also. I have been insisting upon that rule, and I think it is being followed. Works already budgetted for and not done for certain reasons should always be carried to the next year, because we have determined that the works are of a useful nature and must be kept there. If it is not done in a particular year, the attempt must be to carry them to the next year. I have been insisting upon it, and I think the Public Works Department is following it.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—But it is not done, that is all.

Control of motor traffic.

257. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) whether they have decided to appoint a special staff under the Commissioner of Police to control the motor traffic which is every day increasing in the State;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what is the strength of the staff and the pay of each member of the staff;

(c) whether they have decided to appoint a special Inspector or Officer to grant brake certificates to motor vehicles; if so, with what pay and with what qualification;

(d) how many motor accidents have been reported up-to-date in the year 1104; in the year 1103; and in the year 1102?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a), (b) and (c). The question is under the consideration of the Government.

(d) 1104 .. 43. (Of these 18 were car accidents.)
1103 .. 35.
1102 .. 31.

Illicit transport of timber.

258. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—With the information contained in file Dis. 731/D/1101, referred to in question No. 646 of the Legislative Session of 1104, will the Government be pleased to state:—

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